AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-13 (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

an apparatus in a first vehicle that produces and wirelessly transmits messages to at least one second vehicle configured to receive said messages, said apparatus comprising:

a communication device outputting said messages and said communication device including a unit that ~~determines road tolls~~ generates position-related information about entering and leaving toll roads, the position-related information being used to bill for use of the toll road; and

an activation device including a direction-of-travel indicator operating element, said activation device automatically transmitting said messages from the communication device in response to driver actuation of the direction-of-travel indicator operating element, said messages comprising at least information about the position and speed of the first vehicle, wherein the direction-of-travel indicator operating element is a direction indicator switch; and

a control center that controls and sends said messages from the communication device to the at least one second vehicle, wherein said control center manages road tolls using the generated position-related information in order to bill for usage of the toll roads.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) The system as claimed in claim ~~15~~ 14, wherein the messages activated by the direction indicator switch are used in the control center to detect at least one of an overtaking operation by the first vehicle and a parked vehicle.

18. (Previously Presented) The system as claimed in claim 14, wherein the control center includes a digital road map.

19. (Previously Presented) The system as claimed in claim 14, wherein at least one of said at least one second vehicle is configured to receive the messages also includes a unit for determining road tolls.

20. (Previously Presented) The system as claimed in claim 14, wherein received messages can be output in said first and second vehicle at least one of visually, audibily and haptically.

21. (Previously Presented) The system as claimed in claim 14, wherein the control center actuates a device for outputting collective traffic information.

22. (Previously Presented) The system as claimed in claim 14, wherein the communication device is a mobile telephone.

23. (Previously Presented) The system as claimed in claim 14, further including an online billing facility for at least one of sent and received messages.

24. (Currently Amended) A method for producing messages in a first vehicle and wirelessly transmitting said messages to at least a second vehicle wherein said at least one second vehicle is configured to receive said messages, where activation by a driver of the first vehicle is followed by transmission of the message, said messages including at least information about the position and speed of the first vehicle, said method comprising the steps:

automatically sending the message from a unit in the first vehicle ~~for determining road tolls~~ to a control center which is configured to manage road tolls ~~after the driver of the first vehicle has activated~~ in response to driver actuation of a direction-of-travel indicator operating element of the first vehicle; and

forwarding the message from the control center to the at least one second vehicle after said message has been received by said control center.

wherein the unit in the first vehicle generates position-related information about entering and leaving toll roads, the position-related information being used to bill for use of the toll road,

wherein the direction-of-travel indicator operating element is a direction indicator switch, and

wherein the control center manages road tolls using the generated position-related information in order to bill for usage of the toll roads.

25. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 24, wherein the control center forwards a message to the at least one second vehicle only after at least one further message of the same type has been received.

26. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 24, wherein provision is made for received messages to be forwarded in the control center.

27. (Currently Amended) The system as claimed in claim ~~15~~ 14, wherein the control center includes a digital road map.

28. (Canceled)

29. (Currently Amended) The system as claimed in claim ~~15~~ 14, wherein at least one of said at least one second vehicle is configured to receive the messages also includes a unit ~~for determining road tolls~~ generates position-related information about entering and leaving toll roads.

30. (Canceled)

31. (Currently Amended) The system as claimed in claim ~~15~~ 14, wherein received messages can be output in said first and second vehicle at least one of visually, audibily and haptically.

32. (Canceled) The system as claimed in claim 16, wherein received messages can be output in said first and second vehicle at least one of visually, audibily and haptically.

33. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 14, wherein the online billing facility rewards the first vehicle for sending the message and charges the at least one second vehicle for sending the messages to the at least one second vehicle.

34. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 24, further comprising the steps of:

rewarding the first vehicle for sending the message; and

charging the at least one second vehicle for receiving the message. ~~sending the messages to the at least one second vehicle.~~